Creation of railway division in Orissa

2376. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any proposal to create two railway divisions in Orissa at Rourkela and Jajpur-Keonjhar road;

(b) whether in all other zones, divisions are already created; and

(c) if so, why not in East Coast Railway Zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. New Divisions have been set up only on eight Zonal Railways *i.e.* (i) Pune on Central Railway; (ii) Agra on North Central Railway; (iii) Rangiya on Northeast Frontier Railway; (iv) Guntur and (v) Nanded on South Central Railway; (vi) Raipur on South East Central Railway; (vii) Ranchi on South Eastern Railway; (viii) Salem on Southern Railway; and (ix) Ahmedabad on Western Railway.

(c) New Divisions are set up keeping in view the factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating/administrative requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency without any regional considerations.

New rail service in Rajasthan

†2377. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals pending with Government for starting new rail service in Rajasthan; and

(b) the number of proposals received from the State Government of Rajasthan and the number of proposals approved alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Examination and action taken on representations received from various quarters, is a continuous process.

Further, for the State of Rajasthan, 11 pairs of new trains, extension of 4 pairs and increase in the frequency of 2 pairs of trains have been announced in Railway Budget 2009-2010.

Undue recoveries in Railways

†2378. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to make any provision to stop undue recoveries taking place in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps that Government is going to take for the safety of passengers in trains; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.